

REMARKS

Summary of Interview Conducted June 2, 2004

Applicants thank Examiner Mack for the courtesies extended during the Interview conducted June 2, 2004. During the interview, Applicants' attorney described the claimed invention with respect to Figure 10 and the corresponding written description. Examiner Mack agreed that the original written description and drawings adequately describe and illustrate the claimed invention. Accordingly, Examiner Mack stated that he would withdraw his objections to the specification and drawings stated in the Office Action dated May 10, 2004.

Examiner Mack requested that Applicants provide an enlarged view of a portion of the pseudo elliptical tool 1000 illustrated in Figure 10 to make it easier to see the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants have enclosed new Figure 11, which provides the enlarged view requested by the Examiner.

Examiner Mack also agreed to the amendments to Claim 24 provided herein, which Applicants proposed to recite more clearly the shape of the claimed tool.

Claim Amendments

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 24-28 remain pending in the present application, with Claim 24 being independent. Applicants have amended Claim 24 to recite more clearly the shape of the claimed tool. Applicants submit that the claim amendments do not change the scope of the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

Specification Amendments

Applicants have amended the specification to reference the new Figure 11 requested by the Examiner. New Figure 11 provides an enlarged view of a portion of the pseudo elliptical tool 1000 illustrated in Figure 10. No new matter has been added.

New Drawing

As requested by the Examiner in the Interview, Applicants have enclosed new Figure 11. Figure 11 provides an enlarged view of a portion of the pseudo elliptical tool 1000 illustrated in Figure 10 to make it easier to see the claimed invention. Figure 11 includes the exact same

disclosure provided in Figure 10. The only difference is that Figure 11 includes an enlarged view of a portion of the tool depicted in Figure 10. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Office Action Dated May 10, 2004

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 24-27 (clarified in the interview as Claims 24-28) were allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance except for his objections to the drawings and specification.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that the drawings allegedly were not sufficiently descriptive to provide a clear illustration of the claimed tool. The Examiner also objected to the disclosure for allegedly failing to provide references for the structure associated to the claimed tool.

Response to the Office Action

As discussed above, the Examiner agreed during the Interview that the original drawings and written description (specifically, Figure 10 and the corresponding text) adequately illustrate and describe the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner stated that he would withdraw the objections to the drawings and the specification. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have enclosed new Figure 11, which provides an enlarged view of the tool illustrated in Figure 10.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the foregoing as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004. Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action. If any issues exist that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, please contact Applicants' attorney at 404.572.2809.

Respectfully submitted,



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